

## **Abstract of the Disclosure**

### **Version Control of Metadata**

A method and system for efficiently determining compatibility between a server node and a shared resource. The system includes a version control record that organizes metadata relating to the cluster and to data within the shared resource into a searchable format. A server node joining the cluster accesses the version control record at a known location (102). Prior to joining the cluster, the server node will use the version control record to determine compatibility with the disk header version (104), compatibility with the control record version (110), and compatibility with each data item in the version control record (112). In addition, the system may be used as a control mechanism for upgrades to system resources for existing cluster members.